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Carl Schwab
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Re: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
EPA ID Number: CA4890008986

Dear Mr. Schwab:

We have reviewed the following documents for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), dated April 6, 2001:

1. Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Tritium Sampling for LBNL; and
2. Draft Ambient Air Sampling Plan for Tritium for the LBNL Environmental Services Group.

Based on our review, these revised documents adequately address previous EPA comments made in our August 25, 1999 letter on the draft Tritium SAP (May 1999), with one exception:

[Analytical Laboratory] The Quality Control Section of the draft Ambient Air Sampling Plan discusses the use of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Chemistry and Material Sciences's Environmental Services for split sample analyses; however, Table 3.6 of the draft QAPP is not consistent with this. Please add the necessary information to the draft QAPP.

We plan to provide our comments to you under separate cover for the draft Vegetation Sampling Plan for Tritium for the LBNL Environmental Services Group, dated April 6, 2001.

Should you have any questions pertaining to our comments, please contact me at (415)744-2349.

Sincerely,

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